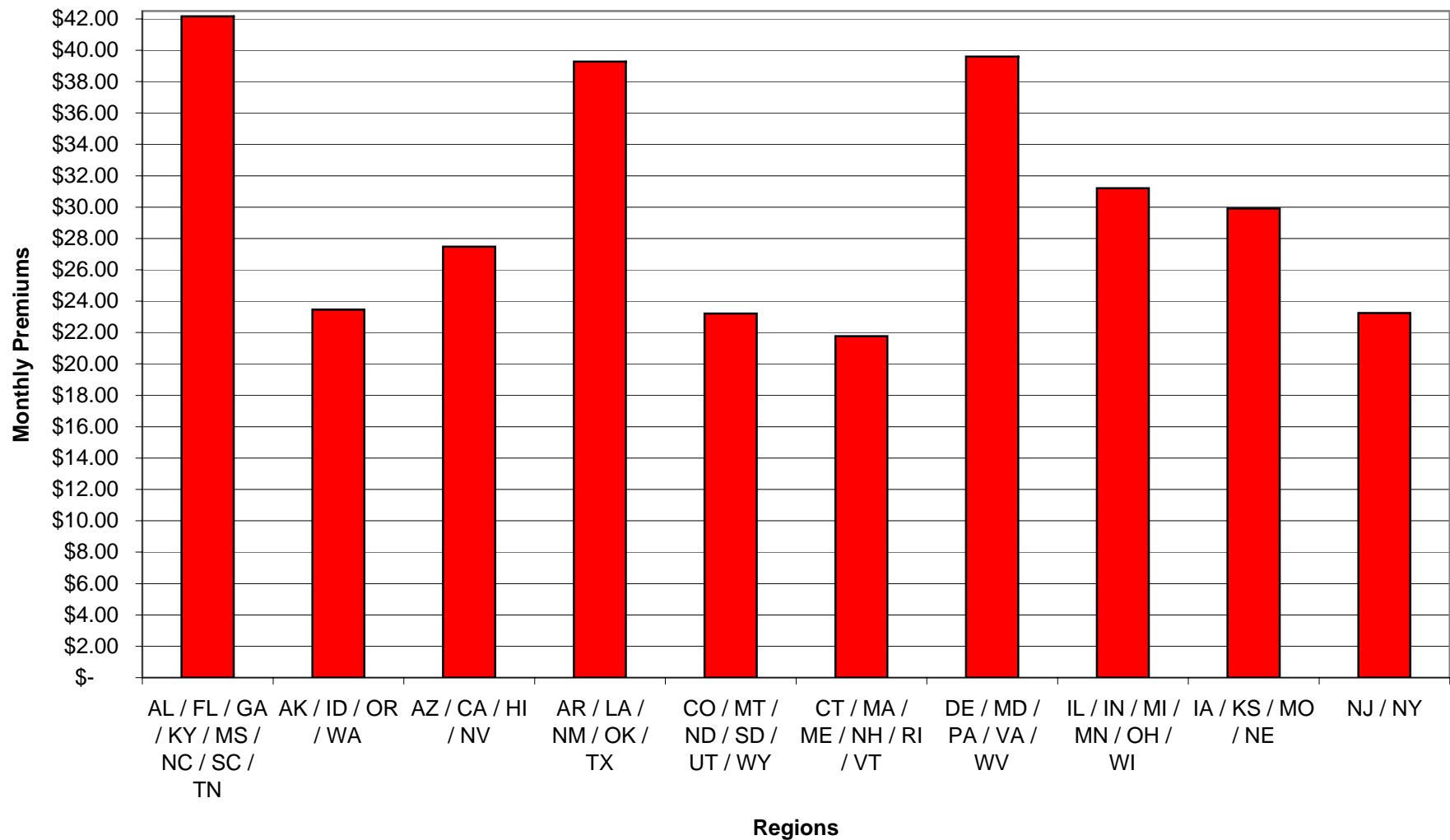


**Minimum Number of Regions Likely to Result in Significant Variation:
Illustrative Medicare Drug Premium Nearly Twice as High in the South (v New England)**



Source: Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic staff analysis (based on FEHBP data at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/pdps/> and PDP regions proposed in http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarereform/mmaregions/All_Info_Materials.pdf)

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